

Final Meeting Notes
LCR MSCP Steering Committee Meeting
June 23, 2021

Attending Via Microsoft Teams

Bert Bell	Palo Verde Irrigation District
Dee Bradshaw	The Metropolitan District of Southern California
Linda Carbone	Bureau of Reclamation
Heather Cole	Arizona Power Authority
Chuck Cullom	Central Arizona Project
JR Echard	Palo Verde Irrigation District
Ed Gerak	Arizona Power Authority
Jessica Gwinn	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Eric Hill	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Mike Hulin	Nevada Energy
Ben Jensen	DOI – Office of the Solicitor
Matt Jeppson	DOI – Office of the Solicitor
Jamie Kelley	Mohave County Water Authority
Jimmy Knowles	Bureau of Reclamation
Bill Lamb	QuadState Local Governments Authority
Lisa Luptowitz	Southern Nevada Water Authority
Kara Matthews	San Diego County Water Authority
Craig McGinnis	Arizona Department of Water Resources
Aaron Mead	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Jessica Neuwerth	Colorado River Board of California
Wade Noble	Yuma Area Irrigation Districts
Shana Rapoport	Colorado River Board of California
Carrie Ronning	Bureau of Reclamation
Dana Sedig	Central Arizona Project
Seth Shanahan	Southern Nevada Water Authority
Stevie Sharp	Imperial Irrigation District
Tina Shields	Imperial Irrigation District
Branden Senger	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Jon Sjoberg	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Jim Stolberg	Bureau of Reclamation
John Swett	Bureau of Reclamation
Sonsey Theyer	Arizona Power Authority
Ruth Valencia	Salt River Project
Laura Vecerina	Bureau of Reclamation
David Vigil	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Tyler Williford	Arizona Game and Fish Department

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Introductions

The conference call was convened at 9:30 a.m. by John Swett. There were self-introductions of all attending. Seth Shanahan chaired the meeting.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and there were no changes.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Approve April 28, 2021 Meeting Notes

The April 28, 2021 meeting notes were approved with no changes (Moved by Bill Lamb, seconded by Chuck Cullom, and adopted by consensus).

WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

Final Implementation Report, FY2022 Work Plan and Budget, FY 2020 Accomplishment Report (FY2022 Work Plan)

John noted that the draft FY2022 Work Plan was presented to the Steering Committee at the April 28th meeting. Comments were due by May 10th and a Work Group meeting was held on May 12th and 13th. John noted that there were not a lot of comments on the draft work plan this year. The only significant change that occurred between the draft and final work plan was a change in the inflation rate. The preliminary inflation rate for FY2022 was 1.563 and the final inflation rate was 1.565. John noted that Dana Sedig from Central Arizona Project calculates the final inflation rate every year. Due to the slightly higher inflation rate, total required funding increased by \$39,964. This resulted in the non-federal share of the costs increasing to \$15,635,915, with adjusted amounts for California \$7,405,988.86, Arizona \$4,732,916.03, and Nevada \$3,497,010.11. John noted that the adjusted funding include the Arizona payback amounts. There were two work tasks that were adjusted due to the increase in the inflation rate. They were Work Task A1: Program Management and Work Task H2: Remedial Measures Fund.

John then presented the resolution for Steering Committee approval of the final FY2022 Work Plan.

Resolution 21-003 “Review and Recommendation FY2022 Work Plan and Budget, FY2020 Accomplishment Report”

Move that the LCR MSCP Steering Committee approve, by consensus, the *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2022 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2020 Accomplishment Report* for \$25,440,410 and encourage the LCR MSCP Program Manager to submit the approved Final Implementation Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for consistency review (Moved by Kara Matthews, seconded by Dee Bradshaw, and adopted by consensus).

GENERAL

John noted that the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021. He didn't know if it would be virtual or in person. He said that if there are any items that require a Steering Committee decision that a Work Group meeting would be scheduled in September.

SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

Seth noted that the Steering Committee took action on two items, approving the April 28, 2021 meeting notes and the FY2022 Work Plan. He asked the group for suggestions on future agenda items. Chuck Cullom requested an update on the state funding accounts held by Reclamation. Bill Lamb requested an update on drought condition in the Colorado River basin and any potential impacts to the LCR MSCP.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.